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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3663

INFO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

AMCONSUL KARACHI

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STATE FOR FBO, NEA/EX, AND SY/FO

KARACHI FOR RSS

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SUBJ: PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLICACCESS AREAS

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1. RSO NEW DELHI HAS JUST COMPLETED A VISIT TO THE
EMBASSY AT KATHMANDU. THE SECURITY POSTURE OF THIS
POST IS MUCH IMPROVED WITH THE EMBASSY NOW WELL INSTALLED
AT THE NEW CHANCERY. HOWEVER, ONE GLARING SECURITY
WEAKNESS REMAINS. THE CONSULAR SECTION IS LOCATED
DOWNTOWN APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES FROM THE EMBASSY IN A
DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE, WHICH IS NOT ONLY NON-REPRESENTAT-
IONAL, BUT REPRESENTS AN INVITING TARGET FOR TERRORIST ATTACK.
THE ISOLATED, UNPROTECTED LOCATION ALSO ENDANGERS THE
CONSUL WHO MUST
DEAL ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS WITH
PERSONS WHOSE MENTAL STABILITY HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE
AFFECTED BY DRUGS.
ISOLATING THE CONSUL FROM VISA
APPLICANTS AND OTHER VISITORS AT HIS CURRENT LOCATION WOULD
NOT BE EFFECTIVE BECAUSE THE REMOTE LOCATION OF THE OFFICE
PRECLUDES ACCESS TO ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE AT THE CHANCERY.
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2. THE RSO HAS REVIEWED THE PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED
SMALL CONSULAR ANNEX TO BE CONSTRUCTED WITHIN THE
CHANCERY COMPOUND. THIS BUILDING WOULD MEET THE
STANDARDS THE DEPARTMENT DESIRES FOR PUBLIC ACCESS
AREAS AND WOULD EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATE THE HAZARDS
INHERENT IN THE CURRENT LOCATION.IT IS URGED THAT
THE DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE FUNDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE CONSULAR BUILDING AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.
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